

HOUSE No. 4536

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 14, 2008.

The committee on Education, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 139) of Frank I. Smizik and Michael J. Moran that the Board of Education be authorized to provide multiple forms of assessments in determining the level of competency under the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for students in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 386) of Demetrius J. Atsalis and others that the Board of Education be directed to establish separate Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) examinations for special and vocational education students, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 396) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to the graduation requirement of school systems, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 400) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to regulate the awarding of high school diplomas, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 431) of Gloria L. Fox and others for legislation to establish multiple assessment instruments for high school graduation requirements, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 445) of Geoffrey D. Hall and Steven C. Panagiotakos relative to changes to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exam for public school students, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of Frank M. Hynes that students who have not passed the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) examination be authorized to petition for a determination of qualification for graduation, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 481) of Thomas P. Kennedy that vocational-technical training be included in comprehensive education and training programs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 513) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to high school graduation requirements for students with learning disabilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 514) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and John W. Scibak that certain students accepted into post-secondary educational programs be granted a competency determination,

notwithstanding performance on the MCAS test, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 516) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to regulating MCAS testing of children with disabilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 544) of Tom Sannicandro for legislation to eliminate the MCAS for high school graduation, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 550) of Francis X. Kavanaugh and others for legislation to further regulate the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for public school students, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 566) of Frank I. Smizik and others for legislation to remove satisfaction of the competency determination as a condition for high school graduation, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 565) of Frank I. Smizik and others that parents, legal guardians and teachers be provided with copies of each students MCAS exam prior to public disclosure of scores, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 568) of Theodore C. Speliotis for legislation to improve satisfaction of competency determination as a condition for high school graduation for special education students, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 580) of Benjamin Swan and others relative to repealing the testing requirements for graduation under the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3735) of Frank I. Smizik and Michael J. Moran that the Board of Education be required to provide resources for the testing of students in science and technology under the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), reports that the accompanying order (House, No. 4536) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

PATRICIA A. HADDAD.

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In the Year Two Thousand and Eight.

1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Education be authorized to sit
2 during the recess of the General Court to make an investigation and
3 study of current House documents numbered H. 139, H. 386, H. 396,
4 H. 400, H. 431, H. 445, H. 456, H. 481, H. 513, H. 514, H. 516, H.
5 544, H. 550, H. 565, H. 5681, H. 580, and H. 3735, relating to the
6 MCAS.

7 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of
8 its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
9 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-
10 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the
11 House of Representatives on or before the December 31, 2008.